

The Michigan City of Center Line | 7070 E 10 Mile Rd | Center Line MI 48015 | 586-757-6800

Winter | Spring 2016

Center Line *INSIDER*



Take our Survey



Inside this Issue:

City Directory	16
Calendar of Events	4, 12
DPW Information	14
Election Info	16
Library Programs	7
Recreation Trips	11
Seniors	9
Survey	2



CENTER LINE

80th Anniversary



INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL

June 24, 25 & 26

1936-2016

Fireworks Event Survey

1. Please rank the follow aspects of the city's 80th Anniversary/Independence Festival celebration in order of *Most* to Least interesting to you. Number 1-8 with 1 being Most interesting.

- ___ Fireworks
- ___ Beer Tent
- ___ Bands/Evening Entertainment
- ___ Children's Activities/Daytime entertainment
- ___ Carnival
- ___ Arts & Crafts Vendors
- ___ Local Businesses/ Local Clubs & Groups
- ___ Food Vendors

2. What type of music would you prefer to hear from the festivals bands? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Oldies
- ☐ Motown
- ☐ 80's
- ☐ Country
- ☐ R&B
- ☐ Jazz
- ☐ Classic Rock
- ☐ Swing
- ☐ Rock-n-Roll
- ☐ Rap
- ☐ Top 40 Hits

Other (please specify) :

3. What aspects of Center Line Fireworks events have you liked best from the past?

4. What aspects of Center Line Fireworks events would you like to see improved?

5. What types of daytime events would you be interested in attending? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Puppet show
- ☐ Magic show
- ☐ Pony Ride
- ☐ Dance Recital
- ☐ Concert/Musical show
- ☐ Arts & Crafts Activities
- ☐ Petting Farm
- ☐ Rock Climbing Wall
- ☐ Bounce House
- ☐ Octogenarian Birthday Party (celebrate residents aged 80 years and up)
- ☐ Pool Tournament
- ☐ Card Playing Tournament
- ☐ Casino Tent

Other (please specify):

6. Do you have any additional comments you would like to add?

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!



2016 marks the City of Center Line's 80th Anniversary! Our annual Fireworks event will transform into much more this year and include a carnival, pony rides, petting farm, kids games, music, food, arts & craft show and more! Please take this brief survey to share your input. Scan this QR code to take online, visit www.centerline.gov, or fill out the survey on p. 2 and return to either City Hall, Parks Recreation, or the Library. Call Parks & Recreation with any questions at 586-757-1610. To mail please send to:

Center Line Independence Festival Survey
c/o Parks & Recreation
25355 Lawrence
Center Line MI 48015



January 2016

(R) = Rec Program
(L) = Library Program

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Kids Dance Begins (R)	8 Adult Coloring (L)	9
10	11 Zumba Begins (R)	12	13 eBook Help (L) Draw w/Mr. Mike (L)	14	15	16 Lego Club (L)
17	18 DA Card Class (L)	19 Book Club (L)	20	21	22 Story Time (L) Zentangle (L)	23 Taxes (R) CLYBSA (L)
24	25 Computer Basics (L)	26 CLYBSA (R)	27 Signing Story Time (L) Free Music (L)	28	29 Story Time 10 am Every Friday (L)	30 Downton Abbey Tea (R) Lego Club (L)
31						

Downton Abbey Style

All Occasion Cards:

January 18 @ 6pm, Register by January 15 at the Library. \$10 for supplies. We provide supplies and designs, you simply assemble then impress your friends and family.!



Downton Abbey Tea & Luncheon



Saturday, January 30, \$32 Residents, \$37 Non-Res. Bus leaves City Hall at 11:15 a.m. Join us for a delicious luncheon and tea, Downton Abbey style at O'Maras Irish Restaurant in Berkley.



Kids Dance Classes:

Students will have the opportunity to perform in the instructor's studio-wide recital at the end of May. There will be 2 sessions as follows. You must take Session 2 to be in the recital. \$55 residents/\$60 non-residents

Session 1 is Jan 7—March 3

Session 2 is March 17 thru May 19
(no class April 7)

Jazz/Ballet 3-5 yr olds @ 6pm

Jazz/Ballet 6-9 yr olds @ 7pm

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

586-265-5697

The Accounting Aid Society provides tax assistance to Senior citizens, ages 60 and over, as well as handicapped and low income individuals. Taxes will be done on Saturdays, beginning in January 23 running through April 16, 2016.

No taxes on March 5 or March 19.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, call 586-265-5697.

February 2016

(R) = Rec Program
(L) = Library Program

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Computer Basics (L)	2	3	4	5 Adult Coloring (L)	6 CLYBSA (L)
7	8 Card Class (L)	9 CLYBSA (R)	10 World Book (L) Draw w/Mr Mike (L)	11	12 Family Super Hero Dance (R)	13 Lego Club (L)
14	15	16 Book Club (L) Cinderella (R)	17	18	19 Zen-tangle (L)	20 CLYBSA (L)
21	22 Zumba Begins (R)	23 CLYBSA (R)	24 Signing (L) Zinio (L)	25	26 Story Time (L)	27 Lego Club (L)
28 Downton Fashion Show (L)	29					

Super Hero Family Dance

Friday, February 12, 7pm

Limited seating—please sign up no later than 2/10. Daddy/Daughter, Mother/Son or any family combo! Dress as your favorite super hero (optional—but more fun!). Pizza dinner, snacks and prizes, face painting, DJ & Dancing. Cost is \$8 each for residents, \$10 each for non-resident. Rec Center 586-757-1610.



Cinderella by Rogers & Hammerstein

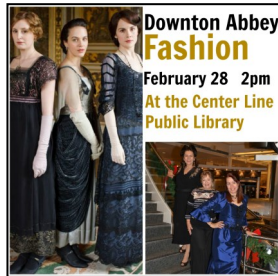


Tuesday, February 16, at the Detroit Opera House. \$40/\$45. Bus leaves City Hall at 6:15pm. Join us for this delightful musical, fun for the whole family. Bring the kids—Center Line School District is on Winter Break until Feb 17. Call 586-757-1610 to register.

Signing Story Time



February 24 at 10:30 am. Join our Signing Time instructor, Ms. Kelly, for a fun signing story time. The Signing Time Academy is a part of Little Hands Productions, creator of programming that can be seen on Nick, Jr. This class focuses on three EASY things you can do to boost your child's development -- SIGN, TALK, and READ. Recurs each month.



Downton Abbey Fashion
February 28 2pm
At the Center Line Public Library

Join us for this free program as we embark on a journey of fashion as seen on Downton Abbey. Light refreshments will be served. Presented by Lynn Anderson, Victoria Mobley, and Elaine Vermeersch, the curators of the local exhibition, "Fashion and the Automobile." Call 586-758-8274 to save your seat.



WHITLAM GROUP

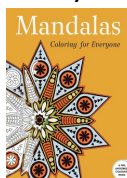
Proud Sponsor of the
Center Line Fireworks
June 30, 2015

Whitlam Label Company, Inc. is now Whitlam Group. Headquarters located at 24800 Sherwood Ave, Center Line, MI 48015. Visit us at www.Whitlam.com.



Library Events

January 8—Adult Coloring @ 6pm



Coloring isn't just for the kids anymore! Relax and enjoy the stress relieving qualities of coloring here at the library. We'll provide coloring sheets and the materials to color with, along with relaxing music.

January 13—How to use OverDrive @ 4pm

Looking to learn how to use OverDrive to check out downloadable e-books and e-audiobooks? We'll walk you through the basics you'll need to know to get started!

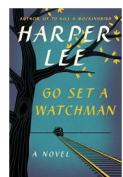
January 13—Drawing with Mr. Mike @ 6pm

Learn to Draw in Cartoon style. Reserve your spot by calling the library at 586-758-8274. This class will fill up!

January 18—Downton Abbey Style All Occasion Cards @ 6pm

\$10 for supplies. We provide supplies and designs, you assemble! Register by January 15--call 586-758-8274.

January 19—Book Club @ 7pm



This month's selection will be *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee. The library has multiple copies available at the desk for any readers.

January 22—Zentangle @ 6pm

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It increases focus and creativity, and provides artistic satisfaction along with an increased sense of personal well-being. Learn this method of enhancing relaxation and focus under the instruction of Certified Zentangle Teacher Kim Goodwin. Materi-

als are provided, but registration is required due to limited space.

January 25 & February 1—Introduction to Computers @ 6pm

Attend this 2 day class to learn how to use a computer. You do not have to be a resident to take this program but you do need a valid library card within the Suburban Library Co-op.

January 27—Signing Story @ 10:30am



Join our Signing Time instructor, Ms. Kelly, for a fun signing story time. The Signing Time Academy is a part

of Little Hands Productions, creator of programming that can be seen on Nick, Jr. This class focuses on three EASY things you can do to boost your child's development -- SIGN, TALK, and READ. It will show parents how to naturally enrich early learning through everyday interactions, using American Sign Language vocabulary. This program is designed for ages 5 and under, but all ages are welcome.

January 27—How to Use Freegal @ 4pm

Did you know that your library card gives you access to an expansive library of FREE music that you can download or stream legally? We'll teach you how to start downloading and streaming right away!

February 5—Adult Coloring 6pm

Coloring isn't just for the kids anymore! Relax and enjoy the stress relieving qualities of coloring here at the library. We'll provide coloring sheets and the materials to color with, along with relaxing music.

February 8—Valentine Cards @ 6pm



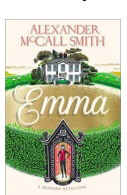
\$10 for supplies. We provide supplies and designs, you assemble! Register by February 5—call 586-758-8274.

February 10—How to Use World Book Online @ 4pm

Your library card gives you access to various resources from World Book meant for all ages! Learn how to access this wealth of information with the click of a mouse!

February 10—Drawing with Mr. Mike @ 6pm. Cartoon drawing.

February 16—Book Club @ 7pm



This month's selection will be *Emma* by Alex McCall Smith. The library has multiple copies available at the desk for anyone interested.

February 19—Zentangle @ 6pm

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Materials are provided, but registration is required due to limited space.

February 28—Downton Abbey Fashion Show @ 2pm Fashions of Downton Abbey



Continued on page 8.

Fashions of Downton Abbey (continued from p. 7).

One of the most widely watched television shows in the world, Downton Abbey, began its 6th and final season on PBS on Jan 3. Fashions between 1912 and the mid-1920s reflected an era of great change, and Downton Abbey has faithfully chronicled these changes. Join us as we embark on a journey of fashion as seen through the eras of Downton Abbey. The show will include fashions from the past and present, as what's old becomes new again. Presented by Lynn Anderson, Victoria Mobley, and Elaine Vermeersch, the curators of "Fashion and the Automobile"

February 24—Signing Story Time @ 10:30am

Join our Signing Time instructor, Ms. Kelly, for a fun signing story time. The Signing Time Academy is a part of Little Hands Productions, creator of programming that can be seen on Nick, Jr. This class focuses on three EASY things you can do to boost your child's development -- SIGN, TALK, and READ. It will show parents how to naturally enrich early learning through everyday interactions, using American Sign Language vocabulary. This program is designed for ages 5 and under, but all ages are welcome

February 24—How to Use Zinio @ 4pm

With your Center Line library card, you can access a variety of free e-magazines that are yours to keep! Join us to learn more about Zinio!

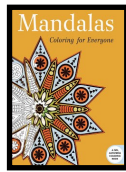
March 2—Spring Wreath Class @



6pm Learn to create a beautiful wreath to decorate your home this spring! Attendees

will need to supply their own materials (required materials lists are available at the library and online). Registration is required as space is limited.

March 4—Adult Coloring @ 6pm



Coloring isn't just for the kids anymore! Relax and enjoy the stress relieving qualities of coloring here at the library. We'll provide coloring sheets and the materials to color with, along with relaxing music.

March 7—Easter Cards @ 6pm

\$10 for supplies. We provide supplies and designs, you assemble! Register by March 4—call 586-758-8274.

March 9—How to Use MAP Michigan Activity Pass) @ 4pm



Did you know that you can use your library card to check out free and discounted passes to interesting places all over Michigan? From museums to camping there is something for everyone! Learn how to use the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) website to start having your own real-life adventures!

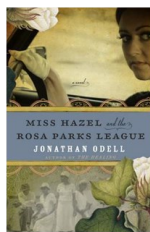
March 9—Drawing with Mr. Mike @ 6pm

Learn to draw in cartoon style. Reserve your spot by calling the library at 586-758-8274.

March 14 & 21—Introduction to Word @ 6pm

Attend this 2 day class to learn how to use Microsoft Word. You do not have to be a resident to take this program but you do need a valid library card within the Suburban Library Co-op.

March 15—Book Club @ 7pm



This month's selection will be *Miss Hazel and the Rosa Parks League* by Johnathan Odell. The library has multiple copies available at the desk for any readers.

March 18 —Zentangle @ 6pm

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It increases focus and creativity, and provides artistic satisfaction along with an increased sense of personal well-being. Learn this method of enhancing relaxation and focus under the instruction of Certified Zentangle Teacher Kim Goodwin. Materials are provided, but registration is required due to limited space.

March 23—How to Use the Online Library Catalog @ 4pm

Have you ever wanted to be able to place a hold a book or movie when the library is closed? Learn how to search for materials, place holds, and renew materials to avoid overdue fines all from the comfort of home with our online library catalog!

March 30—Signing Story Time @ 10:30am

Join our Signing Time instructor, Ms. Kelly, for a fun signing story time. The Signing Time Academy is a part of Little Hands Productions, creator of programming that can be seen on Nick, Jr. This class focuses on three EASY things you can do to boost your child's development -- SIGN, TALK, and READ. It will show parents how to naturally enrich early learning through everyday interactions, using American Sign Language vocabulary. This program is designed for ages 5 and under, but all ages are welcome.

April 19—Book Club @ 7pm This month's selection will be up to you—choose your favorite book..

May 2—Mothers Day and All Occasion Feminine Card Making Class. @ 6pm. \$10 for supplies, We provide supplies and designs, you assemble. Register by April 29, call 586-758-8274

June 13—Fathers Day /All Occasion Masculine Card Making Class. 6pm. \$10 for supplies, We provide supplies and designs, you assemble. Register by June 9 —call 586—758-8274.

Senior Information

SENIOR POOL LEAGUES

Come play 8 Ball on Tuesday mornings beginning January 19. Call 586-757-1610 if you are interested in joining the league. \$5 to register—players play only for bragging rights!

GAME ROOM

Seniors are welcome anytime during business hours for pool playing at the Recreation Center. The regulars are looking for new faces to join them. **NO FEES! JUST FUN!**

Senior Chore Service 586-469-5012



The Senior Citizen Chore Service program is for persons aged 60 years and older in targeted areas in southern Macomb County. Center Line Residents call **586-469-5012** for eligibility and to join. **Reminder: you must call each year to be placed on the snow and grass lists**

Senior Transportation 586-268-0551

Center Line Parks & Recreation, in cooperation with Warren Parks and Recreation, offers a curb-to-curb senior transportation service. This service helps seniors and handicapped persons remain independent for life. **Please be advised that drivers are NOT allowed to leave the vehicle to assist passengers in any way.**

Eligibility & Who to Call

Any Center Line resident 55 years of age or older; or handicapped individuals of any age. All trips must be scheduled through the dispatcher. Hours are: Mon—Fri 8am—3pm. Please contact the Transportation Dept. for further information regarding fees, appointments and shopping trips.586-268-0551.

Center Line Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CLYBSA)

Kids Softball & Baseball Registration begins in January with the following schedule.

Saturdays at the

Center Line Library from 12pm to 4pm

January 23

February 6

February 20

Tuesdays at the

Center Line Parks & Rec Bldg. from 6pm to 8pm

January 26

February 9

February 23

End of Season Picnic is Aug 7, 2016

Center Line Residency NOT Required

- Team Uniform
- Instruction
- Trophy for every player
- Tournament for select divisions

For more information visit **www.clybsa.com**



Assessing Information

Each year the City Assessor is responsible for updating assessment records from building permit information. This involves a physical inspection and measurement of property where physical change has occurred. This important step in the assessment process helps maintain accurate records.

The December Board of Review met on Tuesday December 15th 2015 to correct errors of a clerical nature.

The 2016 Assessment Notices will be mailed by March 1st. Please verify all information on the notice carefully before making an appointment with the Board of Review. Calling the Assessing Office to discuss your concerns may alleviate the need for you to personally appear. The March Board of Review will be held during the week of March 14th to March 18th. Appeals to the Board of Review are by appointment only.

The "Re-Inventory" program started in 2013 will continue during the summer of 2016, the area we will visit will be East of Van Dyke and South 10 Mile. Field personnel will have proper photo identification.

As a property owner, it is important for you to verify your assessment records. It is important that the assessment records are accurate to maintain uniformly. If you would like to view your assessment records, please call the Assessing Office at (586) 757-6800 for further information.

"Light up the Sky" Winner 2015

8323 Busch

1st Place Winner of the 2015 "Light Up the Sky" contest by the Center Line Beautification Commission.

Congratulations!



Parks & Rec Rentals & Info 757-1610

Pavilion Rental

Registration for pavilion rental begins 2/2/2015
from 9 am –7 pm

Weekday \$25

Weekend \$60

Every day afterwards will be during regular business hours.

Hall Rental

**\$50 Deposit required to Hold the Date,
Balance Due 30 Days Prior to Party Date**

Weekends Only through June 6

4 hours \$100

5 hours \$125

6 hours \$150

+ \$20 flat fee for kitchen (if any food is on-site)

+ \$20 flat fee for game room

Non-Profit rates and Meeting room rates are also available. Please call to ask 586-757-1610.

Recreation Center

25355 Lawrence
www.centerline.gov/
recreation

Rec Center Hours

Monday—Wednesday 12-7

Thursday—Friday 12-5

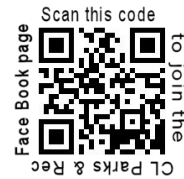
Game Room

Ages 10 & up 3pm until Closing
18 & older for Billiards

Parks

No Dogs—No Alcohol—No Vehicles

1. Memorial Park @ Lawrence & Engleman
2. Rotary Park @ Lawrence & State Park
3. Lions Park @ State Park & MacArthur



Health & Fitness



Adult Softball Leagues \$450/Team

Summer Leagues are held on the following evenings beginning in May. The season runs into August (including playoffs). If your team is interested in signing up, please call 586-757-1610. Men's League plays on Mondays, Church League plays on Fridays.



Zumba Gold

Mondays & Wednesdays

6 pm—7 pm

Center Line Recreation Center

Session I Jan 11—Feb 17

Session II February 22 —April 4

Session III April 11 —May 18

\$55 per session (\$60 non-res)

No Classes March 7

In the Works.....

Our plans for future events.....

May Detroit Tigers date and price TBD

July Legoland at Great Lakes Crossing

July 23, Saugatuck, MI

Aug, Michigan Adventure

Sept 9 Stratford Ontario (A Chorus Line)

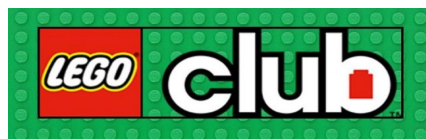
Oct 8, Haunted Hayride @ Blakes

November 5, Birch Run/Frankenmuth

December 10, Holly Hotel Tea & Dickens Festival

Lego Club at the Library!

Every other Saturday between 12 & 2 pm. Legos and Duplos will be available for free building.



Designs will be on display in the library so make sure to stop in and visit your creations. Drop in!

March 2016

(R) = Rec Program
(L) = Library Program

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Spring Wreath Class (L)	3	4 Adult Col-oring (L)	5 No Taxes
6	7 Easter Cards (L)	8	9 Use MAP Passes (L) Mr. Mike (L)	10	11 Story Time 10 am (L)	12 Disney on Ice (R)
13	14 Word (L)	15 Book Club (L)	16	17 Kids Dance Begins (R)	18 Zentangle (L)	19 Easter Breakfast (R)
20	21 Word (L)	22	23 Online Catalog How To (L)	24	25 Story Time 10 am (L)	26 Lego Club (L)
27	28	29	30 Signing (L)	31		

Easter/Spring Wreath Class



Wednesday March 2, 6pm at the Library. Supply List will be provided when you sign up. Limited to 10 students per class. Your design is only limited by your imagination.

Add different flowers and ribbons to create a rainbow of color for your spring design.

Disney on Ice: 100 Years of Magic



Saturday March 12, \$30 res/\$35 non-res. Bus leaves City Hall at 10:15am. Join us for our annual trek to see Disney on Ice. Join Mickey, Donald, Daisy and Minnie and their gang and celebrate 100 years of magic.



Peter Cottontail Continental Breakfast

\$5 res/\$7 non-res

March 19, 10am to 11:30. Join the Easter Bunny for a Continental Breakfast at the Center Line Rec Center. Pre-registration no later than March 11, is necessary, limited seating. Includes juice, coffee, donuts, bagels, pastries and of course the Easter Bunny.

March 19, 10am to 11:30. Join the Easter Bunny for a Continental Breakfast at the Center Line Rec Center. Pre-registration no later than March 11, is necessary, limited seating. Includes juice, coffee, donuts, bagels, pastries and of course the Easter Bunny.



March 9—How to Use MAP (Michigan Activity Pass) @ 4pm

Did you know that you can use your library card to check out free and discounted passes to interesting places all over Michigan? From museums to camping there is something for everyone! Learn how to use the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) website to start having your own real-life adventures!

April 2016

(R) = Rec Program
(L) = Library Program

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Red Wings Game (R)	2 Taxes (R)
3	4	5	6 American Girl Party (L)	7	8 Story Time 10 am (L)	9 Lego Club (L)
10	11 Zumba Begins (R)	12	13 Ikea Trip (R)	14	15 Story Time (L)	16 Last Day Taxes (R)
17	18	19 Book Club (L)	20	21	22 Story Time (L)	23 Lego Club (L)
24	25	26	27	28	29 Story Time (L)	30

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE JOE!



Red Wings vs Wild
Friday April 1
Cost is \$43 residents and
\$48 non-res.
Bus leaves at 6:15pm
from City Hall. Let's
watch our Wings whoop
some Wild. Please be
advised that Joe Louis now has a mandatory
clear bag policy and it is strictly enforced.



American Girl Doll & Tea Party

April 6, at 1pm
Bring your favorite doll
or stuffed animal to this
afternoon party! Visit
with our American Girls
in their tree house, enjoy
a craft, snack, and "tea."
Call to register at 586-
758-8274.

IKEA of Canton! Wednesday April 13



Who wants to go
shopping? Join us
for a day at the Can-
ton Ikea store. Bus
leaves at 9:30am returns home approx.
3:30pm. There is a cafeteria on site if you want
to grab lunch for yourself. If you've never been
to Ikea here's your chance. Cost is \$5 per per-
son residents, and \$7 for non-residents. This
includes bus only, lunch is on your own.



Shipshewana

Our annual trek will be June 7.
Bus leaves at 6am from City
Hall and returns approx. 11 pm.
We will stop at the Amish Food
store (bring your small cooler for some of the
best cheese around) and dinner at Das Dutch-
men Essenhaus. Cost is \$60 for res and \$65 for
non-res. This trip is always a big hit so sign up
early to save your seat.

A Citizen's Guide to Cold Weather Practices



Winter brings with it lots of fun activities, like sledding, ice skating and skiing. But winter also means mounds of snow to shovel and layers of ice to remove from our sidewalks and driveways. We often make the job easier by applying deicers like salt. Besides sodium chloride, many deicers also contain chemicals like cya-

nide. When ice melts, the salts and chemicals dissolve and flow into street drains that lead directly to the river, endangering aquatic life. Here are a few tips to reduce salt use and prevent pollution year-round.

Help prevent storm water pollution this winter!

1. Try an alternative!

Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) was developed as a deicing alternative because it has fewer adverse environmental impacts than salt and doesn't cause corrosion. Although CMA is more expensive than rock salt, it is recommended for environmentally sensitive areas.

2. Reduce your salt use.

By limiting the amount of salt we use on sidewalks and driveways, we can reduce the amount of polluted storm water washing into our waterways.

3. Use De-icing Products Based On Winter Conditions

Before applying a deicer to your sidewalk, think about the air temperature, potential for sun exposure, and how much product you'll need. Remember to follow label directions carefully and use products sparingly. It's easy to over apply deicers, but applying more than you need won't melt your ice any faster.

- For Dry, Powdery Snow: Shovel or sweep snow immediately to avoid using deicer.
- For Wet, Heavy Snow: Apply deicer product as soon as snow begins falling in order to prevent it from bonding.
- For Sleet & Freezing Rain: Apply deicer product early-on during these conditions to prevent ice from building up.
- For Significant Snowfall: When more than 2 inches of snow falls, plow or shovel first and then use a deicing product to melt any underlying layers of ice that have built up due to packed down snow.

The most important step is to physically remove as much ice as possible before applying salt. Use a shovel to break up the ice before you add another layer of salt to your sidewalk. Adding more salt without removing what has melted can result in over-application, meaning more salt and chemicals end up in the river. You can also reduce salt use by limiting access to your home to one entrance. For every doorway that is not used, there will be less salt running into the catch basin in your street.

Check out more tips here: <http://www.thriftyfun.com/tf16691674.tip.html>

Other De-icing Products

Potassium Acetate (KC₂H₃O₂)

Pros: Works to -75° F. Potassium Acetate is considered safer than salt for steel and other metal structures. It is biodegradable and non-corrosive.

Cons: It attracts moisture from the air so it may keep pavement wet, leaving a slick residue. It also lowers oxygen levels in waterways if allowed to enter storm drains and is not always readily available to the public.

Cost: Eight times more than rock salt.

Magnesium Chloride

Pros: Effective to -13° F.

Cons: Is corrosive and attracts moisture from the air, which can keep pavement wet.

Cost: Two times more costly than rock salt, and you also need twice as much of the product for effective results.

Ethylene Glycol & Propylene Glycol

Pros: Propylene Glycol is considered a safer alternative for mammals than Ethylene Glycol. It is often found in "pet friendly" deicers.

Cons: Both products are considered by the EPA to be highly toxic to aquatic organisms.

Cost: Three to four times the cost of rock salt.

Sand

Pros: A salt and chemical-free alternative that poses no potential threats to plants.

Cons: Dry sand does not readily "stick" to ice or cause it to melt effectively. It may need to be dampened before application. If not cleaned up promptly in the spring, sand can clog storm drains and transport absorbed contaminants into local waterways.

Cost: Three to four times more costly than rock salt.

11th Annual

City-Wide Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All **FREE** at the Department of Public Works, 6685 Ten Mile Road

Dumpsters will be placed at the Department of Public Works Yard located at 6685 Ten Mile Rd for the disposal of large items including furniture, construction material and appliances.

Items that are **not** included are liquid chemicals, including paint, oil, propane tanks, and fertilizers, as well as yard waste, batteries and tires. No appliances with Freon will be accepted.

The City encourages all Center Line property owners to participate in this year's City Wide Clean-up Day.



DALE Community Garden

Join the Center Line Community Garden, and grow your own veggies on your own plots and join in the fun with friends and neighbors. We are going into our 5th year of our community garden and have had lots of fun with our group. Sign ups are being taken at the Center Line Recreation department. A member of the garden will contact you with the details. The cost is \$10.00 for the plot and \$10.00 clean up fee. We have monthly meetings and Master Gardeners on-hand to answer any questions. The garden is located on Dale, just east of Van Dyke. Take a look! For more information please call Bernie Helkowski at 586-758-4833.

The Michigan City of Center Line

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.CENTERLINE.GOV

City Council

Bob Binson, Mayor
Ron Lapham, Mayor Pro-Tem
Nick Chakur, Council Person
Mary Hafner, Council Person
James Reid, Council Person

City Hall

7070 E 10 Mile Rd
586-757-6800

City Manager/Clerk

Dennis Champine
dchampine@centerline.gov

Building Inspector

Roger Pinch
rpinch@centerline.gov

Public Safety

7070 E 10 Mile Rd
586-757-2200
Director, Paul Myszenski
pmyszenski@centerline.gov

Public Works

6685 E 10 Mile Rd
586-758-8278
Superintendent, Gary McKinney
gmckinney@centerline.gov

Library

7345 Weingartz
586-758-8274
Director, Heather Hames
hhames@centerline.gov

Parks & Recreation

25355 Lawrence
586-757-1610
Director, Heather Hames
hhames@centerline.gov

Presidential Primary Election

March 8, 2016



All registered voters of the community are encouraged to vote.

Election polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Absentee ballots for those voters qualified to receive them and not on the permanent absentee voters list, can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (586) 757-6800. If you have questions regarding the election, please call the City Clerk Office.

Attention Residents: If you will be turning sixty years of age on or before 3/8/2016, you can be placed on a permanent absentee voter list to receive an absentee application for every election. Please contact 586-757-6800 to find out how.

[Water Report]

Water Quality Report Available!

The water quality describing the source and quality of your drinking water is available online at www.centerline.gov/public-works/waterqualityreport

To receive a paper copy in the mail, contact us at the City of Center Line at 586-758-8278 or at 586-757-6800.



Center Line

A Beautiful City

